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Commission on Judicial Appointments to Consider Appointments to Court Of Appeal

Hearings Set June 9 in Los Angeles

San Francisco—A public meeting has been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments for Friday, June 9, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Ronald Reagan State Office Building, 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, to consider two appointments by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Courts of Appeal. The appointments are as follows:

- Judge Steven C. Suzukawa, of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Daniel Curry of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Four (Los Angeles).
- Judge Stephen J. Kane, of the Superior Court of Fresno County, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Nickolas Dibiaso of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District (Fresno.)

The confirmation hearing for Judge Suzukawa will begin at 9:00 a.m. The hearing for Judge Kane will immediately follow.

The state Constitution specifies that a gubernatorial appointment to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal is “effective when confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.” The members of the commission who will consider the appointment of Judge Suzukawa to the Second Appellate District are Chief Justice Ronald M. George, chairperson; Attorney General Bill Lockyer; and Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, senior presiding justice of the Second Appellate District.

The members of the commission who will consider the appointment of Judge Kane to the Fifth Appellate District are Chief Justice George, chairperson; Attorney General Lockyer; and Presiding Justice James A.

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All communications to the commission by persons who wish to comment on the appointments should be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2006.

The commission's address is:

Commission on Judicial Appointments
c/o Chief Justice of California
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102
Attention: Ms. Gale Tunnell, Secretary to the Commission

Anyone wishing to testify before the commission must state that request in writing and include a summary of the facts on which any testimony or opinion will be based. A request to be included on the speakers' list must be received by the commission by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2006.

The guidelines for the Commission on Judicial Appointments are published as an appendix to the California Rules of Court and are available on the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/appendix/appdiv4.pdf>. The guidelines also can be obtained by calling the Public Information Office of the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts at 415-865-7740/26.

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